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1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS CONVEYED "OFFICIAL" ORAL INVITATION TO DEPARTMENT FOR 3 OR 4-PERSON US DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ALLIED VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II. IN CONVEYING INVITATION, YUGOSLAV EMBASSY OFFICER INDICATED THAT GOY WOULD WELCOME THE INCLUSION IN DELEGATION OF AN ACTIVE-DUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF US ARMD FORCES. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY OFFICER, GOY HAS INVITED ONLY FOUR "STATE" (OFFICIAL) DELEGATIONS: FROM US, USSR, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

2. WE PLAN TO ARRANGE FOR TWO OR THREE-PERSON DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN GOY CELEBRATION AND ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF CONTACTING POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM BELGRADE. (YUGOSLAV EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOY WILL COVER IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES OF DELEGATION AND HAS ASKED BELGRADE TO CONFIRM THIS.) ADDRESSEES WILL BE ADVISED OF COMPOSI-

TION OF DELEGATION BY SUBSEQUENT CABLE.

3. FOR BELGRADE: AMBASSADOR TOON MAY WISH TO TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM GOY AT LEVEL HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE OF US DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION.

4. FOR BONN: SUGGEST THAT CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BONN GROUP. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PLANS OF UK AND FRENCH REGARDING THIS CELEBRATION. BEGIN FYI: YUGOSLAV EMBASSY OFFICER INDICATED THAT WHILE YUGOSLAV CELEBRATION WOULD BE ANTI-FACIST IN TONE, YUGOSLAVIA'S INTEREST IN MAINTAINING ITS PRESENT GOOD RELATIONS WITH FRG WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. END FYI.

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